



Message from the Headteacher

This term has certainly been filled with a wide variety of experiences for the children as part of our broad curriculum. One highlight that stands out, certainly from this week, is the exhilarating Egyptian day our Year 3 children experienced. Witnessing their enthusiasm and engagement as they delved into the wonders of ancient Egypt was inspiring and lovely to see. Their curiosity and eagerness to learn came out throughout the day as I dipped in and out of each class.

Additionally, I was thoroughly impressed by the stunning creations showcased during our Easter Bonnet Parade. The level of creativity and attention to detail displayed by our children was brilliant. It's evident that they poured their hearts and souls into crafting these beautiful bonnets, and their efforts did not go unnoticed. Seeing them coming through the main gates this morning was great.

Furthermore, I want to congratulate our children for wholeheartedly embracing the value of teamwork this term. Whether it was working together on group projects or supporting each other in various activities, their collaborative spirit has been evident across school.

Looking ahead to the next half term, our focus will shift towards the values of effort and resilience. These qualities are fundamental to achieving success and overcoming challenges, and I have every confidence that they will rise to the occasion.

As we break for the Easter holidays, I encourage each and every one of you to take some time to rest, recharge, and enjoy quality moments with your loved ones. And have fun!

Assemblies

This week, Mr Allen took the lead in our Year 5 / 6 phase assembly, focusing on an important topic: pedestrian safety. As our children in Year 5 and 6 are reaching an age where they may begin walking to and from school independently, it becomes crucial for them to understand the significance of being cautious pedestrians and taking responsibility for their actions when crossing the road. During the assembly, Mr Allen addressed the dangers associated with road crossings and emphasised the positive steps our children can take to ensure their safety. It's a timely reminder for all of us as parents to reinforce these important lessons at home and to encourage safe habits when navigating our roads.

Mr Allen also took lead in our final Celebration Assembly of the half term, which was a great way to finish the term by celebrating all the amazing achievements in and out of school.

Ms Musgrove led an Autism Awareness and Acceptance assembly this week which resulted in lots of children coming to have a chat to find out more.

Key Dates

29th March	Good Friday - School closed, start of school holiday
15th April	Pupils return to school
17th April	Y4 - MTC & Edale Information Evening
w/b 22nd April	Mock SATs
25th April	Archers Dance Festival
25th April	PTA Pilates event
26th April	SEND Y6 Transition Coffee Morning
9th May	KES Science Afternoon Y5LN
16th May	KES Science Afternoon Y5KL
23rd May	KES Science Afternoon Y5JE



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This Week's Awards



Y3BB	Joah
Y3JC	Rose
Y3PW	Florence
Y4TH	Lewis
Y4JH	Freddie
Y4NH	Maya
Y5JE	Aanya
Y5LN	Lara
Y5KL	Amy
Y6MK	Jude
Y6GR	Christopher
Y6AH	Jeanie

Steel	392
Cutlers	371
Originals	380
Peaks	369

Achievements Outside School

Freya - Y3 - Hockey
 Rosie - Y4 - Piano
 Eve - Y4 - Piana
 Bella - Y4 - Violin exam, Distinction

Lexia

Y5 - Amy L
 IR - Alex C



Special Mentions

Y3PW - Hannah
 Y4TH & Y4NH - Whole Class
 Y4JH - Josh
 Y5 JE - Whole Class
 Y5KL - Andy
 Y6AH - Layan

Steel	64
Cutlers	67
Originals	74
Peaks	75

Well done to 'Peaks' who are this half term's House Point winners!

Attendance

Please ensure that your child is on time for school. Children can be brought into the yard from 8:40 am. Learning in school starts at 8:50 am.

Our attendance this week was 95.1

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING!



Focus Value: Teamwork

Our pupils will be encouraged to:

- Work and play together fairly and with respect
- Listen actively, collaborate and compromise
- Respect different ideas
- Support those who need it

Attendance Winners

Congratulations to:

JC and JE

Every week, we will highlight the class in each key phase with the highest attendance.

Community

Eco - Ambassadors news

The battery hunt continues -

The Eco Ambassadors have been busy this half term counting all of the batteries brought in for our 'Recycle to Read' campaign. Some classes had over 100 batteries brought in, in one week!

Please keep hunting for those batteries, which no longer work and send them in with your child to your class teacher. A polite reminder to tape the terminals for lithium batteries and place button

batteries between two pieces of tape please – and thank you to all the parents who have done that so far!



Preparing to plant and improve our biodiversity - Our Eco Ambassadors have been busy digging over the ground outside the sports hall, ready to plant some new plants and seeds after the holiday. They are very excited to get planting next half term to improve the look of this area and to plant some bee and butterfly friendly flowers to encourage greater insect diversity in our school grounds. If you have any seeds at home which you do not need or any old trowels, we would very much appreciate these to help with this ongoing project. Watch this space for photos when the project is complete!

Litter update - Classes across the school have been continuing to litter pick every Friday and our school is looking a lot tidier as a result. In the summer term, the Eco Ambassadors hope to complete a litter pick in our local community as well.

Music of the Half-Term - Samba

Listening to music is fundamental to musical understanding. By learning to listen critically, our children will not only expand their musical horizons but also gain a deeper understanding of how music is constructed and the impact it can have on the listener. Listening to a broad range of music also helps develop other areas of musical activity, including composing and performing.

Therefore, each half term we focus on a 'music of the half term' which is explored through assemblies and further listening opportunities. This half term, we will be focussing on Samba music. Dan Johnston, our drum teacher and Music Hub Samba band leader, will be inspiring the children with a Samba demonstration; our Y6s will also be sharing some Samba polyrhythm learning from their class music lessons.



Language of the Half Term - Japanese

Each term we select a different language for the pupils to learn greetings and basic phrases. We choose languages which represent our school community. At Nether Green, we feel it is important to give bilingual children the chance to demonstrate their language skills as well as having an opportunity to share details of their family's country and culture. Language of the Half-term also allows monolingual English speakers to encounter and learn to speak a variety of languages.

All teachers embrace the selected language of the half-term and actively encourage the children to say good morning, good afternoon and respond to simple yes/no questions in the given language.

The chosen language for this half-term is Japanese. There are about 128 million people in the world who can speak Japanese. Japanese is the official language of Japan. There are no plurals in Japanese!



Community

SEND & Inclusion

As we approach the end of another term, Ms Musgrove would like to thank all parents, carers and the school community for their support in helping us to continue to give all pupils a positive school experience.

Ms Musgrove led an Autism Awareness and Acceptance assembly this week which resulted in lots of children coming to have a chat to find out more and ask questions. We focussed on celebrating that all our brains are different, and this means that we have different strengths and abilities. We also discussed the importance of supporting our friends if they are having a difficult time in school.

A reminder that our Y6 Transition Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 26th April at 9:10am. All Y6 parents who have children on the SEND register are most welcome to attend.



Online Safety Top Tip

Below are some top tips on how to help keep your child safe when going online:

- **Use parental controls** - Adding parental controls will allow you to monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. Visit www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/ to access step by step guides on how to set up parental controls.
- **Start a conversation about online safety**- Show interest and understand what your child likes to do online and who they like to speak too. To learn more about the most popular apps and games that kids are using visit www.net-aware.org.uk
- **Set time limits** - During this period it is important that your child isn't spending too much time in front of a screen, plan activities that don't include using an electronic device.
- **Set device-free zones** - Only allow your child to use their device where you can monitor them, don't allow them to take their devices to their bedroom.
- **Report**- Make you and your child aware of where to go to report online crime.

Safeguarding Top Tip

This week in our phase assemblies, we talked to the children about keeping themselves safe when using roads. We have reminded them to Stop, Look and Listen.

We have told them about the importance of using designated crossings but always checking before they step out as some road users do not always follow the rules. We reminded children to be fully alert when crossing roads and not to be looking at their phones when trying to cross a road.

Please continue to have these conversations with your child and when you are out and about, teach them how to safely cross a road.



PTA

Thanks to everyone from the PTA for supporting the cinema clubs and bake sale this half term. We have really enjoyed hosting these events. It has also been fantastic to see some of the PTA funds being spent in school - we will continue to keep you posted about where the money is being spent but the library area is looking great and we are also pleased that some goodies for the nest have been purchased to provide some more structured play.

Pilates and Prosecco - Thursday 25th April 7pm

- Are you ready to rejuvenate your body, enhance your flexibility, and embrace a healthier lifestyle?
- Come join our Pilates Event hosted by Katie Bell Physio & Wellness,
- Doors open at 7pm for 7:30pm start. Please bring a mat and headblock/cushion.
- After the hard work is done we will pour the bubbles
- Book on using the link below. Payment for the event will be taken on the night, but we do need the following form to be completed in advance.

<https://calendly.com/physioandwellness/pilates-nether-green-junior-school?month=2024-04>

School Disco - Thursday 6th June

The DJ has been booked and plans are underway! Please keep note of the date and we will share details of the event and how to book on in the new term.

NGJS Around the World Summer Festival - Friday 23rd June

Plans for this year's summer festival are under way. We are looking forward to making it bigger and better than last year, but we will need your help! Below is what we will need so please think about if you could get involved and if so, get in touch with us at friendsofnethergreen@gmail.com. It is a lovely event to be part of.

What we will need:

- LOTS OF volunteers to help set up and run stalls on the day (any time that can be offered would be appreciated)
- Donations of food for our international food stall. Last year the food was DELICIOUS and all disappeared very quickly.
- Offers of help for stalls that fit with the around the world theme. Last year we had hair braiding, henna art, bubble tea and more!
- Music or dance entertainment

We will also be looking for ways that local businesses can support the event through sponsorship and / or raffle prizes so if you own or run a business and would like to be involved we would very much welcome this!

For now, please note the date and keep an eye out for further details which will come out soon.

Committee meeting - Thursday 18th April, 7.30pm at the Rising Sun

Anyone is welcome to come along. Just come along if you would like to get involved!

Thanks and have a lovely Spring break.

The PTA

Spare Trousers Plea



Due to the recent wet weather, we currently have a major shortage of trousers, leggings and jogging bottoms in our spare clothing box.

If you happen to be having a wardrobe 'clear out' over the holidays, we would welcome any donations!

Also, if your child has borrowed any items of spare clothing, we would be grateful if you could wash them and return them to school, should another child need them following an accident.

Thank you.

Spotlight on the Curriculum - Art

At Nether Green, we encourage all children to be imaginative, experimental and independent artists. We have developed a bespoke curriculum which provides the children with the opportunity to explore art movements, techniques and significant artists from across the world through drawing, painting, sculpture, collage and printing. This enables them to become confident and proficient in their knowledge so that they can use their imagination to independently experiment with their own creative ideas within these skills. Every child has their own sketch book to record their exploration of art movements, styles and artists; their ideas and experimentations and their reflective evaluations in their sketch book. Their sketchbook stays with them throughout their time at NGJS so they can reflect on their progress as an artist.

Y3

In Spring 2, Y3 explored Egyptian symbols and jewellery through drawing and sculpture. They developed their drawing skills through line and shading then developed their clay skills to produce scarab beetle sculptures which had a range of texture.



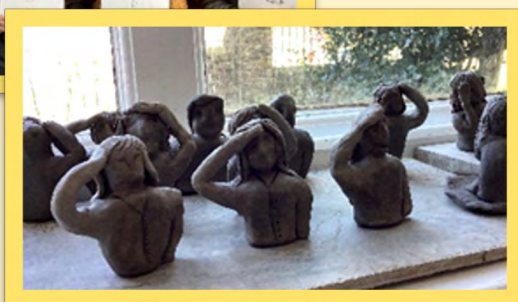
Y4

In Spring 1, Y4 explored roman mosaics then used their knowledge of shape, pattern and colour to design and produced their own mosaic through drawing, collage and digital art.



Y5

In Spring 1, Y5 studied Islamic architecture and produced watercolours representing the importance of reflection within Islamic architecture. In Spring 2, Y5 studied the artwork of Mondrian and Matisse to produce collages inspired by their work.

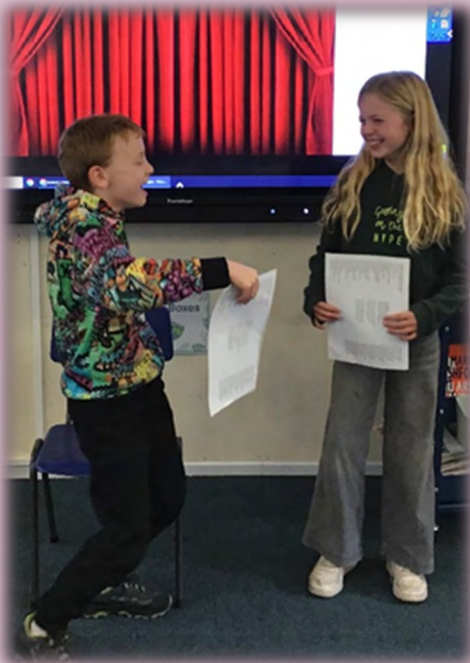
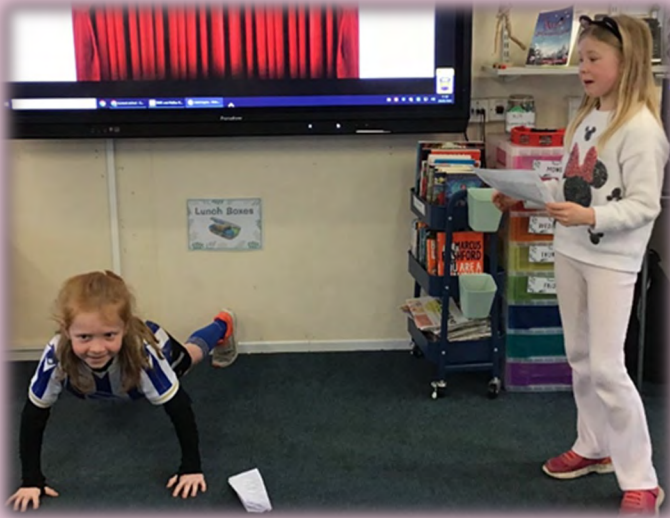


Y6

In Spring 1, Y6 looked at activist artwork and studied the art of Abel Rodríguez before producing their own activist art to call for people to save the rainforest. In Spring 2, Y6 studied the local Women of Steel sculpture by the artist Martin Jennings and produced their own sculptures to remember the hard work and sacrifice of the women who worked in the steelworks during WW2.

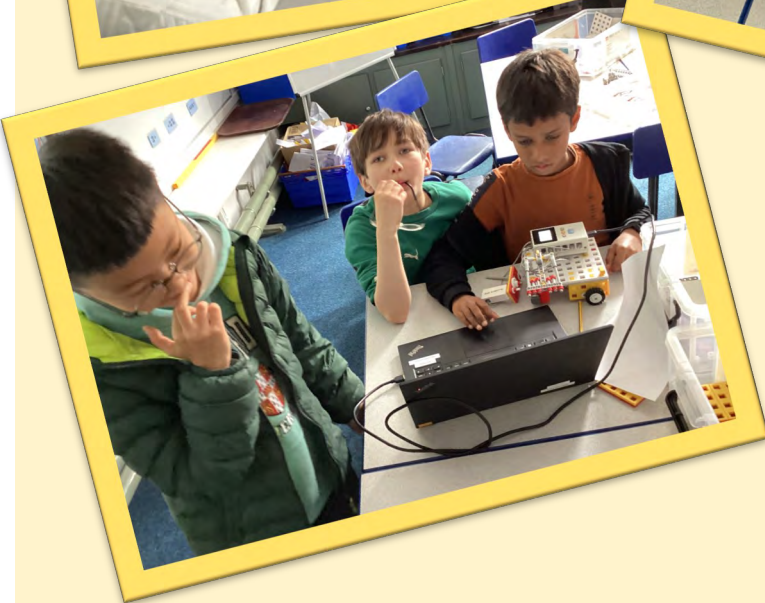
Year 4

In Year 4, we have worked in pairs to read and recite a poem of our choice. We thought about our expression, actions and use of exaggeration. Finally, we performed it in front of the class.



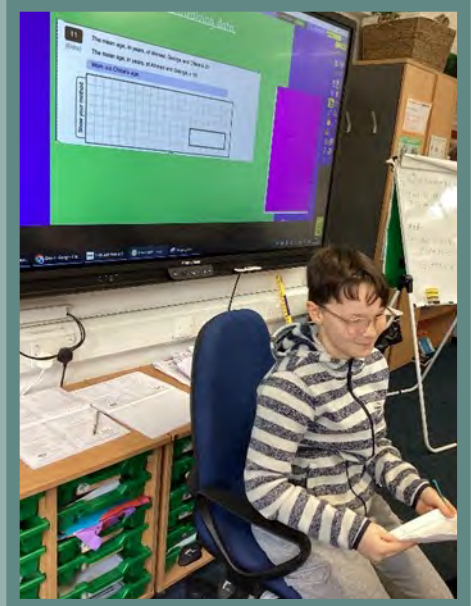
Year 5

Y5 working with robotics.



In Year 5 the children have been studying *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes. They have analysed the narrative poem and created freeze frames for each verse.

Year 6



In Year 6 this week the children have been working on statistics during a 'Mastermind' themed lesson. The children put their teamwork skills to the test and worked together to solve some Maths reasoning questions in timed conditions.

Integrated Resource

Last week, we continued our 'transport' theme; creating 'what am I?' booklets.

In Maths, we have continued practising how to use different coins.

In Science, we have learnt all about magnets.

We made some Easter nests for baking and enjoyed eating them later!

For PE, we had lots of fun playing hockey.



Easter DT Competition and Easter Bonnets!

We had some fantastic entries for the Spring Design and Technology competition! Each year group had a different design task; IR were asked to make a Spring wreath, Y3 was asked to make a chick or bunny, Y4 were asked to design a vehicle that could transport a Spring animal safely, Y5 were asked to use their baking or sewing skills to create a Spring themed product and Y6 were asked to create an egg launcher. Every entry showed so much creativity, talent and resilience. Well done to all of the children who created a model.



A sample of some of the amazing Easter hats brought into school this morning.



Y3-6 EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SUMMER TERM 2023/24 – Nether Green Junior School

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Summer 1					
	BEFORE SCHOOL				
	LUNCH	ORCHESTRA	Tennis Club Y3 – 4 AJW Coaching	Tchoukball Y3	Badminton Club AJW Coaching Y5 – 6
		CHOIR	Samba Band Club Y3 – 6	Dance Y3 – Y6	Guitar Band
	AFTER SCHOOL	Gymnastics Club Sheffield Gymnastics Club Y3 – 6	SoccerEds Y3 – 6 Cricket Y5	Tag Rugby Sheffield Eagles Y3 – 4	Basketball Sheffield Hatters Y5 – 6
		Multi Skills Y3	Forest School Fit Kids Sheffield Y5 – 6	Forest School Fit Kids Sheffield Y3 – 4	
			French Club Le Club Français Y3 – 6	Karate Club Elite Karate Y3 – 6	Hockey Y4
	BEFORE SCHOOL				
	LUNCH	CHOIR	ORCHESTRA	Tennis Club Y3 – 4 AJW Coaching	
	AFTER SCHOOL	Gymnastics Club Sheffield Gymnastics Club Y3 – 6	SoccerEds Y3 – 6 Cricket Y4	Tag Rugby Sheffield Eagles Y5 – 6	Dance Club Y3 – 6
	Multi Skills Y4	Forest School Le Club Français Y3 – 6	Forest School Fit Kids Sheffield Y3 – 4		
			Karate Club Elite Karate Y3 – 6	Basketball Sheffield Hatters Y3 – 4	
					Badminton Club AJW Coaching Y5 – 6
					Guitar Band

The clubs highlighted in **red** are run by teaching staff free of charge.
These clubs are promoted during assembly and the children will either sign-up with their class teacher or take a letter home for parent/carer consent.

All other clubs are run by external providers for which there is a charge.

For more information about your child joining one of the clubs run by an external provider, please find contact details below:

Badminton Club (AJW Coaching)

Basketball (Sheffield Hatters)

Football (SoccerEds)

Forest School (FitKids)

French Club (Le Club Français)

Gymnastics (Sheffield Gymnastics Club)

Karate (Elite Karate)

Tennis (AJW Coaching)

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sheffgym@hotmail.co.uk

steve@elite-karate.co.uk

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Lunch Menus

Please note we have new dinner menus for the summer term. See below.



NETHER GREEN JUNIOR SPRING SUMMER 2024



WEEK ONE	GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEKS COMMENCING: 15/04/24 - 06/05/24 - 27/05/24 - 17/06/24 - 08/07/24 - 29/07/24 - 19/08/24 - 09/09/24 - 30/09/24 - 21/10/24	Main Course	Veggie Pasta Carbonara	All Day Pork Sausage Breakfast with Herby Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Curry with Mixed Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Vegetarian Main Course	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	All Day Veggie Sausage Breakfast with Herby Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans	Roasted Vegetable & Lentil Loaf with Mashed Potatoes and a Sticky Ketchup Glaze	Cauliflower Cheese & Pasta Bake	Cheese Flan with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Street Food		Cheese & Bean Panini with Baked Potato Wedges		Mediterranean Vegetable & Bean Paella	
	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans, Salmon Mayo or Tuna Mayo
	Vegetables	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots & Mixed Fresh Salad	Roasted Peppers & Sweetcorn & Mixed Fresh Salad	Carrots, Broccoli & Mixed Fresh Salad	Sweetcorn, Country Mixed Vegetables & Mixed Fresh Salad	Garden Peas, Baked Beans & Mixed Fresh Salad
	Dessert	Marble Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuits & Fruit Slices	Iced Banana Traybake	Oat & Raisin Cookie & Fresh Watermelon Slice	Chocolate Ice Cream
WEEK TWO	GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEKS COMMENCING: 22/04/24 - 13/05/24 - 03/06/24 - 24/06/24 - 15/07/24 - 05/08/24 - 26/08/24 - 16/09/24 - 07/10/24	Main Course	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	Hot Dog Baguette with Baked Potato Wedges and Coleslaw	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Bolognese & Penne Pasta	Battered Pollock with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Vegetarian Main Course	Vegetable Enchiladas with Sunny Vegetable Rice	Vegetarian Chilli Wedge Bake	Veggie Sausage with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese & Onion Puff Pastry Roll with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Street Food		Chicken & Vegetable Burrito		Quorn Burger in a Bun with Baked Potato Wedges	
	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Vegetables	Garden Peas, Carrots & Mixed Fresh Salad	Sweetcorn, Baked Beans, Coleslaw Salad & Mixed Fresh Salad	Cauliflower, Carrots, Peas & Mixed Fresh Salad	Broccoli, Carrots, Cauliflower & Mixed Fresh Salad	Garden Peas, Baked Beans & Mixed Fresh Salad
	Dessert	Ginger & Mandarin Traybake	Strawberry Jelly	Freshly Baked Chocolate Cookie	Flapjack Finger & Fresh Watermelon Slice	Homemade Shortbread Biscuits
WEEK THREE	GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
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	Vegetarian Main Course	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	Cheese & Onion Roll with Baked Potato Wedges	Savoury Vegetable Mince with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sticky BBQ Quorn & Vegetables with Noodles	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Whirl with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Street Food		Cheesy Bean Pitta Pocket		Cheese & Tomato Melt	
	Jacket Potato & Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Vegetables	Roasted Peppers & Sweetcorn & Mixed Fresh Salad	Country Mixed Vegetables, Baked Beans & Mixed Fresh Salad	Carrots, Garden Peas & Mixed Fresh Salad	Broccoli, Cauliflower, Carrots & Mixed Fresh Salad	Garden Peas, Baked Beans & Mixed Fresh Salad
	Dessert	Baked Apple Sponge with Custard	Tootie Fruity Jelly and Mandarins	Freshly Baked Vanilla Cookie	Zesty Lemon & Blueberry Yoghurt Cake	Homemade Flapjack

Yoghurt and fruit will also be available each day as an alternative to dessert. A selection of breads, salads and fresh drinking water will be available daily.

Dinner Menu w/b 15/03/24



PRIMARY MENU WEEK 1	'GREEN EARTH MONDAY'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Course	Veggie Pasta Carbonara	All Day Pork Sausage Breakfast with Herby Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Curry with Mixed Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
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Street Food		CHEESE & BEAN PANINI WITH BAKED POTATO WEDGES		MEDITERRANEAN VEGETABLE & BEAN PABELLA	
Jacket Potato and Filling	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans, Salmon Mayo or Tuna Mayo
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